

City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2008

Attendees:

Committee Members: Mary Miller, Janet Schofeild, John Mercier, Lauren Flieder, Amy Hull, Chiara Dolcino, Liz Odell, Andrea Goldberg.

Staff Members: David Gill – Recreation, Phil Bilodeau – General Services, Ken Lurvey-Community Development.

Guests: Phil Donovan and Warren Billings (Concord Crew)

Meeting was called to order at 5 pm by Mary.

Mary made a motion to approve the minutes from the January, seconded by Liz. No changes were made and the group unanimously approved the motion.

Update on Concord Crews Boat House Request

Ken Lurvey gave a short update on the proposed location for the Boat House. City staff met and developed a plan for the possible boathouse. After the plan was created staff met with representatives from Concord Crew. The new plan calls for the boathouse to be built on the current skate board park. Concord Crew has agreed to move the skate board park to another area inside the Waterfront Park. They would pay for the new pad and any cost for relocating the skate board park.

John asked would Concord Crew pay for the entire cost of relocating the skate board park? Warren said yes.

Janet asked is the current pad strong enough for a building. Warren indicated the boat house would be a pole barn and they would core through the pad for their footings.

Chiara asked who will work with the kids to make sure the skate board park is OK. Ken indicated he would reach out to the current users. Janet asked that he makes sure all the kids are involved in the decision prior to moving the skate board park.

Mary asked Ken what the next steps are? Ken indicated he would like RPAC to accept the plan and he would then move forward to the Arena Advisory Board and work on the wording of the agreement. He would bring back the final plan as well as the agreement for RPAC's final approval over the next several months.

Janet made a motion to accept to the draft plan, seconded by Chiara and was unanimously approved.

Disc Golf Proposal.

David highlighted a request for the city to build a Disc Golf course. A short discussion took place regarding what is disc golf. Committee agreed to have General Services review request and bring back a recommendation.

New fees and Charges

David passed out an updated fees and charge report. One report was a copy of the fees given to City Council for consideration at the March meeting. Fee increase averaged between 3 and 5 % for programs and facility rentals for community centers. Based on the tight budget conditions David also prepared a report with fee increases of between 5 and 10%. There was a short decision regarding the need for fees to increase (increasing staff costs, supplies, operating expenses). David explained these are non-ordinance based fees. Mary made a motion to the report; Janet seconded and was unanimously approved.

East Concord Community Play School

David passed out a letter from the East Concord Community Playschool asking the city to consider keeping their fee the same for FY 09. This group has improved the community center over the years by adding new bathrooms and this past year installed a new carpet downstairs at no cost to the city. Short discussion on the merits of their request, several members thanked the playschool for being such great tenants and wished more groups would be as pro-active. Mary made a motion to grant a special one time request to keep the East Concord Community Playschools hourly rate the same for FY 09 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). Janet seconded and was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectively submitted by

David Gill
Recreation Director